

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their local stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary in swing states days before the election is appalling. The program is a partisan infomercial and as such should be paid for by the supporting political party and identified as a paid political announcement.

The Bush campaign continues to hide behind "friends" to employ underhanded tactics such as this and Sinclair is only in the position to offer such help because they have amassed a huge concentration of media ownership (which frankly should be an anti-trust violation). This is really a campaign donation by Sinclair which could be valued at the cost of the airtime.

This is not democratic and it is not in the public's best interest to air one-sided political pieces if they are not going to be fully disclosed as political announcements. If Sinclair persists with their plan, they should at least be forced to also to air a pro-Kerry piece as well.

The last presidential election was decided by what have been argued to be partisan officials in Florida - do you really want this election to be swayed by the partisan actions of one of your members?

Thank you.